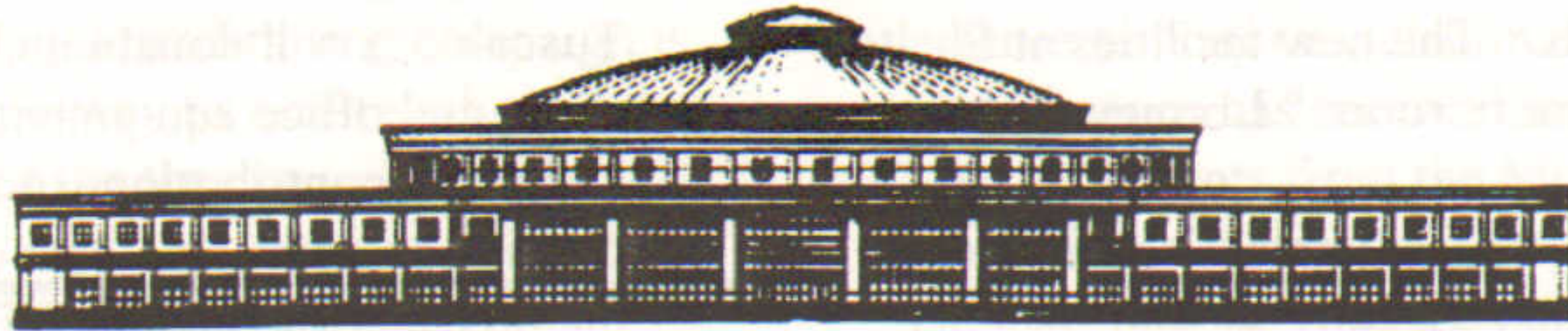


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SHELTON DESIGNATED JUNIOR COLLEGE OF THE FINE ARTS

Shelton State recently received the designation of "The State Junior College of the Fine Arts" through a joint resolution of the Alabama Legislature. The resolution, signed by Governor Fob James, was introduced in the House by Representative Bryant Melton of Tuscaloosa.

The resolution cites Shelton's long history of quality and innovative programs in all areas of the fine arts along with its commitment to program growth and leadership in these areas when other schools are reducing their offerings.

The resolution notes Shelton's music department which includes the award-winning Shelton Singers; the dance department, the only school in Alabama that participates in examinations by the Royal Academy of Dance in London; the visual arts department, one of the oldest departments at the school; and the theatre department for its model partnership with Theatre Tuscaloosa.

"The college is honored and pleased to receive this designation," according to Shelton President Tom Umphrey. "Our

students and faculty have made an enormous commitment to the arts and art education over the years. Although our facilities have been lacking in the past, the talent and drive has always been there," Umphrey said.

"The work and commitment of our faculty has made this possible. Paul Looney, Syble Coats, Glinda Blackshear, Louise Crofton, Krist Lien, and Linda Grote have made great contributions," Umphrey added.

A copy of the resolution will be displayed on the new campus.

THEATRE TUSCALOOSA TO MOVE OPERATIONS NEW AGREEMENT WITH SHELTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE ANNOUNCED

Theatre Tuscaloosa announced recently that it will move its offices, rehearsal hall, and shops to Shelton's new campus in July. According to Paul Looney, executive director for Theatre Tuscaloosa, this new era is a dream come true.

"Our programs have expanded, and we've outgrown our current facilities. We were

'bursting at the seams' in the T. Earle Johnson Stage Center building several years ago and had to rent the adjoining building to accommodate our offices and costume storage needs. The new facilities at Shelton will give us more room," Looney said.

Ultimately the new facilities will include a new performance facility as well. Under construction is a 495-seat theatre that will be used by Theatre Tuscaloosa beginning in the Summer of 1998. The theatre anchors the Tuscaloosa Fine Arts Center wing, which includes a rehearsal hall, three large ensemble dressing rooms and two principal dressing rooms, costume shop, wardrobe room and scene shop, recital hall, and dance studios.

The theatre is designed with no seat further than 45 feet from the stage, an orchestra pit large enough for up to 25 musicians, and a 45-line counterweight fly system. While the decor of the theatre is simple with claret-red walls and rosewood doors and trim, great attention has been paid to patron comfort with extra "leg room," comfortable wide seating, and four aisles serving the seating area. The 30x80 foot scene shop, almost twice the size of the current facility, directly adjoins the stage and has a loading dock capable of accommodating large trucks. The costume construction and storage facility totals almost 1700-square feet and is located in the dressing room area.

Other amenities of the facility include a spacious lobby adjoining an art gallery entrance. The gallery, which will house rotating exhibits is furnished with comfortable seating that carries out the theatre's color scheme. Concession areas, in addition to the food court housed in the Grand Atrium of the college, allow patrons a

variety of refreshment choices.

Theatre Tuscaloosa will serve as the booking agent for the new theatre. Theatre Tuscaloosa will donate its lighting, sound, shop, and office equipment to the college and make contributions to the college's art division to defray the cost of equipment maintenance, acquisition, and salaries.

The Tuscaloosa Fine Arts Center includes a recital hall designed especially for musical presentations. This intimate, 110-seat space has been acoustically engineered for vocal and instrumental performances. The interior design is inspired by art deco influences, with wall sconces and permanent concert lighting.

Adjacent to the theatre is a complete teaching and rehearsal suite for the dance department with large, mirrored practice rooms, dressing rooms, offices, and easy access for the large after-school dance program.

While Theatre Tuscaloosa offices and shops will move to the new campus in July, performances for the 1997-98 season will continue at the Bama Theatre. This year Theatre Tuscaloosa rented the Bama Theatre for 83 days, only about half of which are for actual performances, the remainder being reserved for loading scenery and technical equipment.

"Over the years we've received some criticism on various technical aspects of our shows, specifically sound difficulties. The Bama's design with an overhanging balcony presents enormous challenges to sound designers. We also have to re-invent the wheel at every show because we have to remove all our equipment from the hall at the end of each rental period. Our new theatre with permanently installed equipment and an

orchestra pit will relieve many of these problems," Looney said.

The theatre is scheduled to open in July 1998. A capital fund-raising campaign is currently underway to assist with the completion of the theatre.

COMING SOON! BANK WHERE YOU WORK

Shelton State in partnership with the National Bank of Commerce will bring you all the convenience of full service banking right here ... where you work. NBC will offer full service banking with a variety of products designed especially for Shelton State faculty and students.

WATCH FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

MORE NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR TEAMSpirit

Shelton State has been selected to present its TEAMSpirit model at the 1997 National Governors' Conference on Quality in Education. Presenters will be Ted Spring and Johnny Parker. The conference will be November 8-11 in Dearborn, Michigan.

About 30% of the conference presenters will be from Michigan with 70% coming from other areas of the United States. The theme of the conference is "Achieving EducationaExcellence through Assessment and Evaluation." The new Malcolm Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence (pilot criteria for education) will be used as the framework for the conference.

This year's conference is hosted by Michigan Governor John Engler and sponsored by Ford Motor Company. Alex Trotman, chair of the board for Ford, will serve as honorary chairman. The conference has received support and endorsements from the Michigan Quality Council, American Society for Quality, Northwest Airlines, American Association of School Administrators, the National Governors' Association and other leading business and industrial organizations.

"This is a great opportunity to showcase Shelton and share the positive message of our Quality Initiative, TEAMSpirit, to policy makers from across the nation," said Shirley Johnson, Shelton's quality council team leader.

INFORMATION FOR FALL AND THE MOVE

- *Telephone registration will be held July 28 - 31. Please advise all students to register by telephone if at all possible.
- * Shelton's bookstore will move July 28 to the new facility and will reopen August 11. Bookstore hours will remain the same.
- * Theatre Tuscaloosa/Stage Center will move July 28 - 31 to the new campus.
- * Faculty and administrative offices on the Skyland Campus will pack July 28 - 31.

DON'T FORGET THE BARBECUE BASH

The sixth annual Barbecue Bash sponsored by the Shelton State Foundation will be September 11 in the new campus dining hall. The Silent Auction will begin at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Bingo will begin at 7 p.m.

The cost of the Bash is \$15 and includes a barbecue plate and four bingo cards to play

during the evening. Additional Bingo cards will be available. Profits will be used to help students attend Shelton State.

For reservations and tickets, please send your checks to The Shelton State Foundation, 202 Skyland Boulevard, Tuscaloosa, AL 35405. For more information, call 391-2298.

FORUM SCHEDULED AT SHELTON

The West Alabama Chamber of Commerce, the League of Women Voters, Shelton State Community College and other community groups will host a city-wide forum at Shelton's Skyland Campus on Tuesday, July 8. The forum will be held from 7 - 9 p.m. in the auditorium and will be a continuation of past forums in the city that deal with race relations. The subject for this forum will be Unitary Status and the Tuscaloosa City School System.

There is no cost to the forum and we hope you will plan to attend.

THIS MONTH ON CAMPUS

TUESDAY, JULY 1

*Asset Test. 9 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

Last Day of Class - First Split-Term Session.

THURSDAY, JULY 3

*Final Exams - First Split Term Session

*Registration - Second Split Term

FRIDAY, JULY 4

Holiday - College closed.

MONDAY, JULY 7

*First Day of Class - Second Split Term

JULY 7 - 8

*Drop/Add and Late Registration

* Faculty Meeting. New Campus.

TUESDAY, JULY 8

* City-wide forum on race relations - Unitary Status and the Tuscaloosa City School System, Skyland auditorium, 7 - 9 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 10

Asset Test. 9 a.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 11

Freshman Pre-Advising

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

* Workforce 21 Summit. New Campus.
7 - 10 a.m.

MONDAY, JULY 21

* Alumni Council Retreat.
Red Lobster. 5-7:30 p.m.